



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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June 19, 2006

### Dry Weather and A Lot of Farming

Dry weather throughout the week helped with the harvest of barley and hay, but conditions are still too dry to maintain good soil moisture. Temperatures reached as high as 90 degrees with few rain showers. This allowed **6.3 days suitable for field work**. The first cutting of **hay** is nearly complete. Reporters indicate that 94 percent of alfalfa hay and 86 percent of all other hay have undergone the first cutting of the season.

**Soybean** planting, is 80 percent complete, compared to the five year average of 68 percent. Small grains were reported in mostly good condition. Winter wheat harvest is just beginning. Last week, winter wheat was rated 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Hot weather conditions greened **corn** and helped crops grow.

**Pasture** was rated 5 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 3 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b><u>Small Grain Development</u></b>				
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Barley: Turned</b>	94	84	97	96
<b>Harvested</b>	51	---	39	40
<b>Winter Wheat: Turned</b>	92	---	71	73
<b><u>Field Crops</u></b>				
<b>Soybeans: Planted</b>	80	70	75	68
<b>Emerged</b>	60	50	52	52
<b><u>Hay</u></b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay 1<sup>st</sup> Cutting</b>	94	88	87	84
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting</b>	36	11	16	17
<b>Other Hay 1<sup>st</sup> Cutting</b>	86	82	80	77
<b><u>Vegetables</u></b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	87	84	84	87
<b>Cucumbers</b>	62	60	63	56
<b>Lima Beans (Processed)</b>	57	53	51	54
<b>Snap Beans</b>	63	62	67	63
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	89	86	87	89
<b>Tomatoes</b>	92	88	90	92
<b>Watermelons</b>	91	88	91	86
<b>Green Peas Harvested</b>	74	40	48	58
<b><u>Fruits</u></b>				
<b>Strawberries Harvested</b>	83	69	83	82

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	18	18	1	13	13	4
<b>Short</b>	47	37	12	39	38	15
<b>Adequate</b>	34	44	62	48	49	62
<b>Surplus</b>	1	1	25	-	-	19

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2006**

Weather Station	Precipitation			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.32	12.33	-6.26	90	55	70	-3
Easton	0.30	13.86	-4.46	88	51	68	-1
Frederick	0.06	16.13	-5.69	85	44	62	-2
Frostburg	0.26	9.27	-8.57	88	52	68	-3
Hagerstown	0.79	11.23	-9.56	85	53	66	-7
Mechanicsville	0.91	10.09	-8.73	84	57	70	-3
Patuxent River	2.24	12.11	-8.39	83	53	67	-6
Ocean City	1.54	13.32	-6.94	85	48	66	-7
Salisbury	0.07	13.28	-5.04	90	43	66	-4
Sharpsburg	0.28	12.17	-7.10	87	58	70	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.39	11.70	-5.31	88	57	72	-5
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.20	11.56	-8.07	88	57	69	-4
Georgetown	0.50	11.22	-8.77	87	56	69	-3
Wilmington	0.02	15.11	-3.57	85	52	68	-4

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